हजीरा-बीजापुर-जगदीशपुर पाइपलाइन परियोजना की निर्माण लागत में वृद्धि

2536. **श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज:**
श्री राम जेठमलानी:

क्या पैट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि गैस अथारिटी आफ इंडिया लिमिटेड के अंतर्गत हजीरा-बीजापुर-जगदीशपुर पाइप लाइन के विस्तार के लिए एक योजना तैयार की गई थी;

(ख) क्या प्रतिवेदन के बारे में यह भी सच है कि सरकार को परियोजना के लाभकारी होने की जानकारी नवम्बर, 1990 में ही प्राप्त हो गयी थी और परियोजना के निर्माण के लिए अंतिम स्वीकृति फरवरी, 1994 में प्राप्त हो गई थी;

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या यह सच है कि परियोजना के निर्माण में विलम्ब होने के कारण परियोजना की निर्माण लागत में अब लगभग 66 प्रतिशत वृद्धि हो गई है;

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो इस संबंध में तथ्य क्या हैं और परियोजना की मूल निर्माण लागत कितनी थी तथा उसकी वर्तमान में आंकी जा रही निर्माण लागत कितनी है और इसे कब तक पूरा किए जाने का लक्ष्य रखा गया है;

(ङ) क्या सरकार को परियोजना के निर्माण में हो रहे विलम्ब के कारणों के संबंध में कोई जानकारी प्राप्त हुई है; और

(च) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टन सतीश शर्मा): (क) से (च) 2,376 करोड़ रुपए की परियोजना लागत पर सरकार ने फरवरी, 1994 में एच० बी० जे० उन्नयन परियोजना का अनुमोदन कर दिया है। परियोजना के लिए टी०ई०एफ०आर० नवंबर, 1990 में प्राप्त हुआ। नवम्बर, 1990 के मूल्यों पर अनुमानित लागत 1,427 करोड़ रुपए थी। परियोजना के अनुमोदन में समय लगा क्योंकि गैस की उपलब्धता की विस्तार से जांच की जानी थी। परियोजना का निर्माण अनुमोदित कार्यक्रम के अनुसार जारी है।

Alleged corruption in the undertakings of the M/o Petroleum and Natural Gas

2537. SHRI AJIT P.K. JOGI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaints regarding corruption in the undertaking/Organisations under the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, during the last three years;

(b) if so, whether any action has been taken against the guilty officers;

(c) *if so, what are the details thereof*; and

(d) what remedial measures have been taken/are being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Yes Sir. In one case penalty has been imposed on the guilty officer. Disciplinary proceedings are in progress in 4 cases. Two officers including one chief executive were placed under suspension.

(d) Besides the regular vigilance and anti-corruption measures as per action programmes, the PSUs have been advised to focus on preventive vigilance, streamlining of procedures and systems, strengthening of vigilance set up and concentrating on attention or major works, etc.

Customer Service Division of IOC in New Delhi

2538. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Customer Service Division of Indian Oil Corporation Limited, New Delhi, has not been rendering proper assistance to LPG consumers, seeking transfer of their

connections from one place to another;

(b) whether concerned dealers are insisting the individuals for carrying LPG cylinders instead of having them delivered at places of residence; and

(c) if so, the facts thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA) : (a) Indian Oil Corporation has informed that as per records available with them, no complaint of improper service rendered by Delhi area office customer services cell has been received by them.

(b) and (c) LPG distributors are under instructions to ensure home delivery to the customers residing in their area of operation. However, supply of refills on cash and carry basis is made to the customers residing outside the area of operation of the distributors.

Vacant post of the Chairman and Managing Director in IBP

2539. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recommended to the appropriate authority for filling up the vacancy of Chairman and Managing Director in the IBP Company Limited;

(b) whether Government have also recommended for advertising the post in the dailies; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) The vacancy of Chairman & Managing Director, IBP Co. Limited has been referred to the appropriate authority for recommending a suitable candidate for consideration of the Government for appointment to the said post.

(b) and (c) The appropriate authority adopts necessary procedure for obtaining suitable candidates for consideration.

Harmful effects of lead-free petrol

2540. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what specific benefits are proposed to be derived from the proposal to introduce lead-free petrol in the four metropolitan cities from April this year;

(b) whether developed countries like the United Kingdom, Germany and Italy, which have already been exposed to unleaded petrol for the last five to ten years, are now realising that the substitute is potentially more harmful than the leaded variety, if so, what are the facts in this regard; and

(c) what further safeguards are proposed to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Share-holding in oil companies by Government and financial institutions

2541. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI P. UPENDRA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an expert panel on oil has recommended 40% retention of share holding in ONGCL and the oil companies by Government and 11% by the public sector financial institutions; and